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PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1724
Application No.: 09/674,167 Examiner: Cintins, I.
Filed : December 28, 2000
Title : CHELATE-FORMING FILTER, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME, AND METHOD OF PURIFYING LIQUID USING
THE FILTER

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111. Since June 19, 2004 is a Saturday and June 20, 2004 is a Sunday, applicants believe that this is a timely response within the shortened statutory period and that no extension of time fees are required.

The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims	<u>14</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent	<u>3</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$0.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004,
please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.